Evasion of Income Tax by a Film Actress

159. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prosecution case against film actress Rekha has been dropped and she has been spared from payment of penalty and compounding fee of Rs. 75 lakhs for income-tax evasion following a directive issued by the Central Board of Direct Taxes recently contrary to the recommendations made by the Comhmissioner of Income-tax; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for issuing such directive by the CBDT and what is Central Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. On the recommendation of Central Government approved the the Central Board of Direct Taxes, the proposal of the Commissioner of Income-tax that prosecutions launched in the case of Kumari Rekha Ganeshan, film actress, for the assessment years 1979-80 and 1982-83 may be withdrawn because her case was covered by the general instructions issued by the Board regarding the Amnesty Scheme, which was in force from November, 1985 to March, 1987. No proposal has been made by the Commissioner of Income-tax to the Central Board of Direct Taxes for the reduction of waiver of any penalty imposed on imposable in her case.

Bomb blasts in Delhi

160. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there were some incidents of bomb blasts in buses and other crowded places in Delhi in recent weeks in the nature of terrorist activities;

(b) if so, the details of these blasts and the extent of loss of human life and property caused due to these blasts;

(c) whether the miscreants responsible for these incidents were apprehended; and

(d) whether a constant vigil is being maintained in the Capital to prevent such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) One incident was reported on 12.9.88 vide case FIR No.|463 dated 12-9-88 u|s. 302|307| 427-IPS 3|4 TADA (P) Act P. S. Shahdara. A bomb exploded in bus No. DEP-4391 under DTC Operation at Shahdara Bus Terminal. Two persons died and 21 were injured. There was heavy damage to this bus and some damage to one more bus parked nearby. Four accused persons responsible for this crime have been arrested.

(d) Yes, Sir.

जोधपुर बन्दी

161. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) जोधपुर जेल में इस समय कितने बंदी हैं जिन्हें "आपरेशन ब्लू स्टार" के दौरान गिरफ्तार किया गया था और उन सभी की रिहाई के बारे में सरकार का क्या रुख है; और

(ख) सभी बंदियों पर किस किस्म के आरोप लगाए गए है ?

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी. चिदम्बरम) : (क) इस समय जोधपुर जेल में 188 विचाराधीन कैदी हैं । 4.3.1988 और 20.9.1988 को स्थिति की समीक्षा की गयी थी जिसके फलस्वरुप